

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant has carefully considered this application in connection with the Final Rejection mailed January 25, 2007 and respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

The Applicant originally submitted Claims 1-20 in the application. In the present response, the Applicant has amended Claims 1-3, 6-10, 13-17, and 20. Support for the amendment can be found, for example, in paragraphs 25-31 and 34-39 and Figures 2-3. No other claims have been canceled or added in the present response. Accordingly, Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the application.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-16, and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103

Previously, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-16, and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,872,481 to Sevic, *et al.* in further view of U.S. Patent No. 3,961,280 to Sampei. The Applicant respectfully disagrees in view of the amended claims.

The Examiner asserts that Sevic discloses a power amplifier comprising a plurality of amplifiers configured to amplify a signal to be transmitted and selecting an appropriate amplifier stage in response to a desired power output. (*See* Final Rejection mailed January 25, 2007, page 6.) Even assuming *arguendo* this assertion to be true, the Applicant fails to find where Sevic teaches or suggests a driver stage including a first differential amplifier receiving a first differential signal on a first differential input pair and a second differential amplifier, coupled to the first differential amplifier, receiving a second differential signal on a second differential input pair, the first and

second differential signals corresponding to a signal as recited in amended independent Claims 1, 8, and 10.

Regarding Sampei, the Examiner cites Sampei to teach a switching network to select a voltage level to apply across a driver stage to provide a power level to the amplifier. (See Final Rejection mailed January 25, 2007, pages 6-7.) The Applicant does not find where Sampei cures the deficiency of Sevic with respect to amended independent Claims 1, 8, and 15. As such, the combination of AAPA, Sevic, and Sampei, as applied by the Examiner, does not establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness of amended independent Claims 1, 8, and 15 and Claims that depend thereon. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the §103(a) rejection of Claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-16, and 18-20 and allow issuance thereof.

II. Rejection of Claims 3, 10, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103

Previously, the Examiner rejected Claims 3, 10, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over AAPA in view of Sevic in further view of Sampei in further view of U.S. Patent No. 3,755,693 to Lee. The Applicant respectfully disagrees.

As established above, the cited combination of AAPA, Sevic, and Sampei does not establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness of amended independent Claims 1, 8, and 15. Lee has not been cited to cure the deficiency of the cited combination but to teach the subject matter of the above mentioned dependent Claims. (See Final Rejection mailed January 25, 2007, page 13.) Additionally, the Applicant does not find where Lee cures the deficiency of the cited combination with respect to amended independent Claims 1, 8, and 15. As such, the combination of AAPA, Sevic, Sampei, and Lee does not establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness of amended independent

Claims 1, 8, and 15 and Claims that depend thereon. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the §103(a) rejection of Claims 3, 10, and 17 and allow issuance thereof.

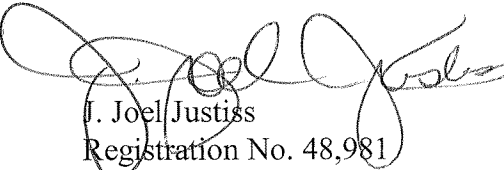
III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicant now sees all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicits a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-20.

The Applicant requests the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, credits or overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2395.

Respectfully submitted,

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